

3 May 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 3 May 1965:

The Director outlined his general views on how the Agency should organize itself in advance to handle tactical situations such as the present crisis in the Dominican Republic. He left the question of specific directives to the Deputy Director and other Agency officials.

The Director outlined the President's desire that the Director brief as many as 15 newspapermen on a background basis this week on the facts of communist influence in the Dominican Republic.

It was noted that General Clifton and a communicator from the White House were en route to the Agency to discuss the handling of CIA's situation reports.

The Director asked that the briefing paper on the Dominican Republic prepared for his use with congressional leaders be disseminated to members of the Executive Committee. He also asked that the 2 May paper [redacted] be disseminated to members of the Executive Committee.

There was a current intelligence briefing during which memoranda were delivered to the Director [redacted]

The Assistant DDP noted continued activity [redacted] He also noted a report of planned deliveries of SAMs and missiles cruisers by the Soviet Union [redacted]

[redacted] first bucket of the current CORONA will be recovered on 4 May. He showed a preliminary flight plan for the next TACKLE mission. [redacted] He reported

25X6 good flight tests with modified OXCARTs. He raised the question of overflights of [redacted]. This is to be studied in the first instance by COMOR.

25X1 Bross reported that Bundy had said there was no further Clifford Board action on NRO. He also reported that Vance had agreed to finance [redacted] with NRO funds.

25X1 Kent offered to brief the DCI on NIE's. He noted the formation of a Task Force under Dean Acheson to study the political track in Vietnam. [redacted] Kent raised the question of Cuban helicopter-lift capability with implications for the Dominican Republic. This idea is to be covered in a memo and regular publications.

25X1 Earman noted a planned trip [redacted] to study photographic processing.

25X1 Chretien noted a lecture by the President to public affairs officers on generating news stories.

25X1 DDS requested clarification of the survey [redacted]
[redacted]

25X1 [redacted] called attention to [redacted] report on its actions in connection with the Dominican Republic.

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DCI asked Kent to restudy the proposed letter to the President on Vietnam -- with particular reference to casualty ratio figures.

The DCI requested appointments with our four committees today or tomorrow to brief them on the Dominican Republic and other subjects.

DCI asked Chretien to develop a list of newspapermen and make appointments for background briefings.

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25X1 DCI asked that the information about the SAM site [redacted] and the truck traffic [redacted] be high-lighted in regular publications.

DCI asked for a set of desk folders to maintain coverage of current hot situations.

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